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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, MOPS, SY, LE, IS

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: WEIZMAN ON A UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE

1. WEIZMAN JUST CALLED TO COMPLAIN THAT HE AND HIS STAFF HAD BEEN WAITING ALL DAY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UN. NOTHING HAD HAPPENED AND HE WAS GETTING WORRIED. HE WONDERED IF THE UN WAS AS SERIOUS AS HE WAS ABOUT GETTING OUT OF SOUTH LEBANON. I REMINDED HIM THAT SIILASVUO AND HIS PRINCIPAL STAFF WERE ALL IN BEIRUT TODAY AND THIS WAS PROBABLY THE REASON THERE HAS BEEN NO CONTACT. SAID I WOULD GET A MESSAGE TO SIILASVUO (WHICH I HAVE JUST ASKED CONSUL GENERAL NEWLIN TO DO) THAT WEIZMAN WAS READY AND WAITING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS UPON SIILASVUO'S RETURN.

2. WEIZMAN ASKED FOR MY ADVICE ON WHETHER HE SHOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING AN ISRAELI CEASEFIRE. HE QUICKLY AMENDED THIS TO ADD "AS SOON AS THE OTHER SIDE

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STOPS FIRING". SAID I WAS STRICTLY ON MY OWN IN OFFERING ADVICE, BUT THAT IT SEEMED TO ME ISRAELI POSITION WOULD BE WELL SERVED IF HE ANNOUNCED AN IMMEDIATE UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE. SAID HE MIGHT QUALIFY THIS IF HE FELT HE HAD TO WITH PHRASE TO THE EFFECT THAT IF THE OTHER SIDE CONTINUED FIRING IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT AT SOME POINT IDF WOULD HAVE TO RETURN FIRE. BUT PRINCIPAL POINT IN MY PERSONAL JUDGMENT

WAS THAT GOI SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN ANNOUNCING CEASE
FIRE WITH NO CONDITIONS ATTACHED. WEIZMAN SAID HE WOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONSULT WITH HIS ASSOCIATES AND CALL BACK
SHORTLY WITH HIS DECISION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: I AM SWIMMING IN WATERS OF UNKNOWN
DEPTH ON THIS ONE AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE
DEPARTMENT WISHES TO OFFER.

4. WEIZMAN JUST CALLED TO STATE HE HAD INSTRUCTED
CHIEF OF STAFF TO ANNOUNCE A UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE AT 1800 HOURS
LOCAL. SAID THERE WERE NO CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO ANNOUNCEMENT. ALSO
SAID HE HAD INFORMED UN OF THIS ACTION.
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